



COAL SITUATION IS HOPEFUL

AN AGREEMENT MOST PROBABLE

Anthracite Miners and Operators Will Meet Today and it Is Believed Satisfactory Terms Will Be Reached By the Conference.

MINOR CLASHES OCCUR IN SEVERAL PLACES

AT YALESVILLE, PUMP MEN IN EMPLOY OF PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY ARE ATTACKED BY FOREIGNERS AND STATE POLICE ARE CALLED—BELIEVED STRIKE WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION.

NEW YORK, April 4.—It was the general belief tonight among those closely watching the situation about the anthracite miners headquarters that the miners have definitely decided to modify their demands and present them to the operators tomorrow. Several members of the committee privately admitted before coming to New York for the present negotiations that their demands were greater than the miners expected to get and the leaders could afford to trim them down and still leave the miners enough to be satisfied. It is believed the operators will meet the miners half way on some of the demands made. All the district leaders received reports from the anthracite fields during the day, and notwithstanding the reports that more coal was mined today than yesterday declared the situation satisfactory.

Hope For Settlement.
PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—In anticipation of satisfactory arrangements between the operators and miners at New York, hope prevails throughout the anthracite region. The feeling is due in part to the reported conciliatory attitude of both parties to the conference and to the reassuring statements made by the returned delegates to Indianapolis. While hopeful of peace, however, the miners are preparing for war as is evidenced by the fact that picketing has become general throughout the region. In many cases the men were stopped on the way to the mines by pickets today and compelled to prove they were exempted. from Mitchell's order suspending work. At Yalesville a number of pump men employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company were attacked by foreigners which resulted in a call for the state police. There were on arrests. In the upper region the companies are exerting every effort to operate their washeries. Some progress has been made in the vicinity of Scranton where a number of washeries are operated. Unimportant disorders are reported at Mocanqua, Minersville and Shamokin.

Give Conflicting Orders.
PITTSBURGH, April 4.—Notwithstanding the Pittsburgh Coal Company has signed the scale not more than half the company's operations are under way. This, it was said, is due to conflicting orders sent out by the contesting officers of the local district in which there has been a factional fight. Patrick Dolan, one of the contesting officers, issued a statement tonight denying that he sent any orders restraining the miners, and advising them to return to work. Further developments in this district were indicated tonight in a statement of an independent operator who said: "It will all be over in a week. If the Pittsburgh Coal Company gets all their men back by next week there will be nothing left for the independents but to sign the scale."

Clash Occurs.
IRWIN, April 4.—A clash occurred tonight between the guards of the Pennsylvania Gas & Coal Co. and a crowd of 150 in which Lieutenant Rhodes of the guards was struck on the head with a rock. The coal company immediately had more guards sworn in. Another clash occurred tonight in which stones were thrown.

STEAMER CENTENNIAL IS BELIEVED TO BE LOST

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The officers of the steamer Pennsylvania from New York, report that within ten days the masthead and part of the deck planking of a wrecked steamer were sighted. Charles Nelson, with the company's steamer Centennial, is now over-

OREGON AND WASHINGTON ARE REPRESENTED

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Republicans of the Senate and the House met in joint caucus this afternoon and elected members to the Congressional campaign committee. Senator Allison called the meeting to order and Speaker Cannon was elected presiding officer. Both gentlemen emphasized the importance of the approaching election as being the first step in the campaign which will doubtless be very important. Among the members selected were: Oregon—C. W. Fulton; Washington—G. W. Cushman.

BOXING CONTESTS

National Amateur Tournament Opens in Frisco.

MEET WILL CLOSE FRIDAY

The Contests Last Night Are Witnessed by About Five Thousand Spectators—Each Bout Is Limited to Three Rounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Before about 5000 spectators the National Amateur Boxing Tournament, the first of its kind held in this city opened tonight and will continue until Friday. Eddie Graney will act as referee, Phil M. Wand and William Cartwright, are judges and Fred Butz, time keeper. The bouts tonight were all three-round affairs, but so close were several bouts that it was necessary to add another round to decide the contests.

In the 105-pound class, W. Austin, of the Paragon Club, won from William Lucey of the Metropole Club, in one round. R. E. Gresham, of the Missouri Athletic Club won from C. E. Robins of the Hawthorne Club of this city in the second round.

James Carroll of the Olympic Club won over Joe Varela, unattached, in three rounds. John Batterton of the Sunset Club, won over Abe Label of the Imperial Club in the second round. Ed Lennon of the Metropole Club, over J. Robertson, unattached, in two rounds. Al Stone of the Hawthorne Club and Louis Lasar of the Alamo Club fought three even rounds. The referee ordered an extra round and Stone got the decision.

In the 115-pound class, Harry Williams of the Hawthorne Club and Mike Kutebos of the Hawthorne Club fought nip and tuck for three rounds. Williams won in the fourth. T. A. Stone, of New York, won over S. E. Barbe, unattached, in the second round.

TELEGRAM IS SENT.

Dowie's Counsel Refuses to Cancel Voliva's Power of Attorney.
CHICAGO, April 4.—April 4.—General Barnes, Dowie's counsel sent a telegram to Dowie refusing to cancel Voliva's power of attorney and install Fildling H. Wilhite. Barnes' message said Dowie's health was bad and for the protection of Zion's rights; that everything be transferred to Granger and Barnes believes it to be to Dowie's interest to confirm the agreement. The members of the Zion church in Switzerland called today endorsing Voliva. At a meeting of the tabernacle tonight Barnes stated final judgment had not been passed on Dowie and no man should be condemned until he had a full hearing. He declared what had been done had been to the interest of Zion and its people, and for the protection of the stockholders and creditors.

WILL MAINTAIN ORDER.

ODESSA, April 4.—Governor-General Kaulbars today declared he could answer for no anti-Jewish disorders occurring on Easter, but would not guarantee to maintain order beyond that time as everything will depend on the results of the elections.

BALLOONIST DIES

French Aeronaut Lands in Swamp and Drowns.

HEROIC FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

Famous Aeronaut and Sculptor Wades Trough Swamp But Finally Death Claims Him—Body Is Found by Searchers.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Death in the waters of Bass creek, a small stream winding through the meadows along the south shore of Long Island between Jones' Beach and Amityville, ended the daring balloon ascension yesterday of Paul Noquet, the French sculptor of note and enthusiastic aeronaut. His body was found tonight on the muddy shore of the creek where the tide had left it and not a great distance from where Noquet's collapsed balloon was discovered late last night.

Noquet apparently landed safely and in fighting his way out of the meadows in the darkness had traversed about two-fifths of the distance from Jones' Beach to Amityville, several miles when he died. He had crossed thirteen or fourteen different islands and had swum or waded through the runlets between them. That Noquet traveled as far as he did is considered wonderful. He must have struggled the last mile or two under fearful difficulties. He essayed a trip that few men could possibly accomplish in daylight.

FAVOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, April 4.—In the Senate today Newlands discussed the railroad rate bill and Daniel the question of the lack of representation of the southern states in the public service. Newlands advocated amendments to the rate bill providing for national incorporation and announced himself favorable to government ownership of these utilities.

ATTEMPT IS FAILURE

Frenchmen Try to Blow up Railroad Bridge on the Franco-Belgian Frontier.

MONS, Belgium, April 4.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to blow up a railroad bridge over the river Honnelle on the Franco-Belgian frontier. It is alleged the outrage is the work of Frenchmen endeavoring to prevent the entrance of Belgian coal into their country.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS SEVERELY CENSURED

Fitzgerald of New York Criticizes President for Failure to Advise House His Objections to Opening Oklahoma Grazing Land.

SAYS PRESIDENT HAS NOT POWERS OF CZAR

REPRESENTATIVE STATES THAT PRESIDENT MAY RECOMMEND, BUT NEITHER ORIGINATE NOR ENACT LEGISLATION—ASSERTS FAILURE TO RESIST ENCROACHMENTS CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL BRING RUIN.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The House today listened to a criticism of the President on the part of Fitzgerald of New York for the failure of the chief executive to properly advise the House as to his objections to the bill opening grazing land in Oklahoma, instead of advising the members of the Indian affairs committee as to the weakness of the measure so it might be amended to meet the wishes of the commissioner of Indian affairs. In the course of his strictures Fitzgerald said:

"This is not Russia, the President is not like the Czar who originates and enacts legislation. The President may recommend, but can neither originate nor enact legislation. Somebody may say this is trivial. The history of all governments having parliamentary institutions shows the failure to resist a trivial encroachment on the part of the chief executives has led the vast encroachments until the legislative branch of the government has existed in name only."

The post office bill was taken up today, but no headway made.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT MEETS AWFUL DEATH

Sacks of Wheat Bury Two Men, Suffocating One and Fatally Injuring Another.

IDAHO FALLS, April 4.—J. D. Davis, a restaurant man was suffocated and Charles Beach perhaps fatally injured. The men were buried under sacks of wheat in a warehouse and covered for nearly an hour before discovered.

HE MAY RECOVER.

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 4.—Physicians in attendance upon George Douglass, the Colorado miner who was seriously wounded early this morning in an encounter with a burglar, stated tonight that the sufferer has a good chance to recover. Fred Paul, the burglar, who is also wounded and in jail, admitted to the sheriff that the story he first told, that he had two accomplices is false and that he worked alone.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

CHICAGO, April 4.—George Brown, a barber, 41 years old, was attacked by four men last night, at Thirty-eighth and Butler streets, and was beaten so severely that he died two hours later from the effects of his injuries.

Bernard Comiskey, who is accused of being the leader of the quartet responsible for the man's death, together with James O'Shea, is under arrest, and the police are searching for the other two men.

The crime is declared by the police, following their investigation, to have been the outcome of enmity between Brown and Comiskey over a debt owed to Comiskey by Brown.

MAE WOOD DROPS SUIT AGAINST SENATOR PLATT

OMAHA, April 4.—The sensational suit of Miss Mae Wood against Senator Platt, William Leob, Secretary to the President, and ex-Postmaster-General Wynne for \$150,000 damages, was dismissed today because of the failure of the plaintiff to appear. Miss Wood alleged she had written a book entitled: "The Love Letters of a Boss" comprising a number of letters written to her by Platt. She alleged Platt, with the assistance of Leob and Wynne got the letters from her and refused to return them.

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—While playing on a dump at the city garbage incinerator, John Cota, 14 years old, slipped and fell into the slide which conveys the garbage to the furnace. He was quickly carried into the fire and burned to death.

BOY PLAYING ON GARBAGE DUMP FALLS INTO CONVEYOR AND BURNS TO DEATH.

OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY.

Tuskegee Negro Institute Celebrates Its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., April 4.—Owing to a delay of the Ogden special train, the beginning of the exercises in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute was postponed until tonight. Among those prominent who came on the special were Secretary Taft, President Ogden of the Board of Trustees, President Eliot of Harvard, Dr. Lyman Abbott and Oswald Garrison Girard editor of the New York Evening Post. Principal Washington delivered the address of welcome. Ogden spoke on the significance of the celebration and Eliot on "What uplifts the race and what holds it down." Secretary Taft also spoke.

HEINZE IS SUED.

BUTTE, April 3.—Suit was commenced against F. August Heinze today to recover damages of \$10,000 for damages sustained in an automobile accident. Heinze's Red Devil ran into a horse and buggy recently, throwing out the driver and breaking his leg.